

REASONS humbly offer'd against  
continuing of the Act for better view-  
ing, searching, and examining of  
Drugs, Medicines, &c. as the same  
now stands.

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THE Apothecaries are far from being averse to a Search of Medicines, or from having *faulty* and *defective* Medicines destroy'd, but humbly hope that Matter shall be put into such a Method, that the *Property, Reputation, and consequently the Livelihood* of so great a Number of Persons as exercise the Trade of an Apothecary, shall not be subjected to a final Determination, but under the same *Guards and Cautions* which the rest of their *Fellow-Subjects* have for their *Security*.

AS it is allow'd that an *Appeal* from the Judgment of the *Censors* is reasonable, it is conceiv'd equally reasonable that such *Appeal* should be determin'd by Persons wholly *indifferent* and *unbiass'd*; how far the *College* are likely to prove so in respect of the *Judgments* and *Determinations* of Persons of their own Body and of their *own Choice*, is easy to foresee, especially when it is further consider'd,

*First*, THAT for a long time a Jealousy has been entertained by the *Members* of the *College*, that the *Apothecaries* have encroach'd upon their *Faculty*, by sometimes in ordinary Instances, and in the Cases of poor Persons, Children and Servants, giving *Physick* without calling in a *Physician*; and that the *Temptation* to crush those who for the future shall presume to do so, will be very strong, when they shall have it in their *Power* so easily to effect it.

*Secondly*, THAT besides the ordinary *Propension* towards aggrandizing their *Body*, it may be very easily conceiv'd that it will be thought (by some at least) to be the Interest of the *College* to keep the *Apothecaries* in a *Subjection to and Dependance* upon them, *no Apothecary* will then dare to relieve a Patient, tho' in the utmost Extremity, for fear the Patient's *Physician* should be made his *Judge* in a little Time, and in that *Capacity* gratify his *Resentment*, which may prove a *Mischief* of no small *Consequence*.

*TRIAL* by a *Jury* is in most Cases the *Right* of the *Subject*, and there seems to be no reason why *Apothecaries* in a Matter of this *Moment* should be excluded from it, and be subjected in so extraordinary manner to the *College of Physicians*.

*It is therefore humbly hoped, that in the Bill for continuing the said Act such Alterations shall be made as will secure the *Apothecaries* from the Inconveniences above mentioned, and prevent the Mischiefs consequent thereupon.*